

National Weather Service Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



February 2002 Time Local Path Length Path Number of Estimated Width Persons Damage **ILLINOIS, South** ILZ092>094 Alexander - Pulaski - Massac 0000CST 0800CST 0 0 Flood The Ohio River was already above flood stage from Brookport Dam to Cairo at the beginning of the month. The river had already crested 4.1 feet above flood stage at Brookport on January 31. Grand Chain crested 3.4 feet above flood stage on February 1. The crest finally reached Cairo on February 3. Minor flooding was observed at all points, with no property damage reported. Mainly agricultural low-lying areas and bottomlands near the river were flooded ILZ081-084 Franklin - Jackson 1500CST Flood The Big Muddy River rose above flood stage in response to heavy rains at the end of January. At Plumfield, the crest was less than one foot above the 20-foot flood stage, which resulted in minor flooding of low-lying areas. At Murphysboro, the crest of 22.3 feet on February 5 resulted in minor flooding of low-lying areas. Flood stage at Murphysboro is 16 feet. No property damage was reported. White **ILZ083** 1800CST 1300CST 0 0 Flood The Wabash River rose above flood stage at New Harmony, IN in response to heavy rain at the end of January. The river crested about one half foot above the 15-foot flood stage, causing minor flooding of low-lying mainly agricultural areas. ILZ075>076-080>082-084 Jefferson - Wayne - Perry - Franklin - Hamilton - Jackson 2200CST 0400CST Snow Around an inch of snow fell across parts of southern Illinois, mainly north and west of a line from Marion to Mount Carmel. Benton in Franklin County reported 2 inches. Strong and gusty northwest winds changed rain to snow, and plunged wind chills into the teens. The sudden blast of cold air and snow marked the end of an unseasonably mild week, during which high temperatures were around 60 degrees. INDIANA, Southwest **INZ085** Posey 0700CST 0 0 Flood 06 The Wabash River rose above flood stage at New Harmony in response to heavy rain at the end of January. The river crested about one half foot above the 15-foot flood stage, causing minor flooding of low-lying mainly agricultural areas **Spencer County** Midway to Chrisney 0 Hail(1.00) 20 Nickel to quarter size hail fell from Chrisney to Midway **KENTUCKY**, Southwest

KYZ002>003-006 Hickman - Carlisle - Graves

0000CST 0 Flood

Several state roads remained closed due to flooding that lingered from the heavy rain on January 31. Among them was Kentucky 80 at the Carlise/Hickman County line. There were also a few state roads in Graves County with flooding problems. The water receded



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Around an inch of snow fell across parts of southeast Missouri, mainly north of Cape Girardeau. The snow was enough to close schools in Perryville. Strong and gusty northwest winds changed rain to snow, and plunged wind chills into the teens. The sudden blast of cold air and snow marked the end of an unseasonably mild week, during which high temperatures were around 60 degrees